

**Experience is  
Good; the Bible  
is Better!**

## 2 Peter 1:12-21

Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of

my body will be soon, as our Lord  
Jesus Christ made clear to me.  
And I will make every effort so  
that after my departure you may  
be able at any time to recall these  
things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory,

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star

rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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you of these qualities

- 1) Divine power has given you everything you need for this life and the next (v. 3-4)
- 2) By cultivating the qualities of the new life in Christ, we deepen our joy and assurance of our salvation.



## 2 Peter 3:1

This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind **by way of reminder**

## Philippians 3:1

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the **same things** to you is no trouble to me and is **safe for you.**

Spiritual teachers abound who seem to always be chasing something new. Like salesmen, they are restless with the apostolic gospel. They claim to be able to give us more. In essence, they would have us think that the gospel that we were saved by is not strong enough to be the gospel by which we should continue standing.

– David Helm

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## Luke 1:1-14

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to **compile a narrative** of the things that have been **accomplished among us**, just as those who **from the beginning were eyewitnesses** and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things

**closely** for some time past, to write  
an **orderly account** for you, most  
excellent Theophilus, that you **may**  
**have certainty** concerning the  
things you have been taught.

## 2 Corinthians 4:2

But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

I am a literary critic and historian, that's my job. And I'm prepared to say on that basis if anyone thinks the Gospels are either legends or novels, then that person is simply showing his incompetence as a literary critic. I've read a great many novels and I know a fair amount about legends and I know perfectly well the Gospels are not that kind of stuff.

– C. S. Lewis

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## Luke 9:42-43

While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were **astonished at the majesty** of God.

For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.

## Mark 9:2-9

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

No doubt part of Peter's reason in choosing this event was that it was the most supernatural event in the life of Jesus, and so would offend the anti-supernatural bias of the false teachers.

– R. C. Lucas and Christopher Green

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attention as to a **lamp** shining in a  
dark place



Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and  
a light to my path.

## Psalm 2:7-9

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "**You are my Son**; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and **I will make the nations your heritage**, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

until the **day dawns** and the  
**morning star rises** in your  
hearts,

## Numbers 24:17

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: **a star** shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel

## Revelation 22:16

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the **bright morning star.**"

For **no** prophecy was ever produced by the **will of man**, but men spoke from God as they were **carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

## Acts 1:16

Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which **the Holy Spirit spoke** beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas

We must stress that the basis for our faith is neither experience nor emotion but the truth as God has given it in verbalized, prepositional form in the Scripture and which we first of all apprehend with our minds.

– Francis Schaeffer

The Bible was the only book Jesus every quoted, and then never as a basis for discussion but to decide the point at issue.

– Leon Morris